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REMARKS

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1. On 22 October 1953, the east section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse, Chemnitz, was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 360 troops with artillery insignia and about 240 troops with motor transport insignia. Most of the troops were recruits. Between 15 and 22 October, intensive activity was observed in the barracks yard and the buildings. About 20 x 85-mm AA guns, 15 x 37-mm AA guns and at least 50 trucks were seen in the barracks area. On 18 October, 12 trucks, each towing a 85-mm AA gun and including 2 trucks loaded with ammunition boxes and the others occupied each by 12 to 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and 2 trucks towing field kitchens were seen entering the installation.

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2. On 22 October, the west section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing black bordered crimson epaulets, including about 100 troops with motor transport insignia. 25X1 that most of the troops were recruits. At least 50 trucks were seen in the barracks area. It could not be determined to which section these and the abovementioned trucks actually belonged. observe any training activity.¹

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3. A railroadman from the Chemnitz railroad repair shop stated that a train of 36 boxcars was to be equipped with stoves and sleeping facilities prior to 20 October.²

4. On 2 October, the Ebersdorfer Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops including about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 200 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. the belief that the troops quartered in the east and west section of the installation belonged to the same unit. Most of the troops were recruits. The troops were fed by the kitchen in the east section of the installation. About 8 to 10 trucks and a hospital with about 8 physicians and 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and serving as medical personnel, drivers and guards; and about 4 ambulances were ~~observed~~ in the west section of the installation. The hospital had an estimated 50 beds, most of which appeared to be occupied. A headquarters of about 25 officers, including 3 colonels and several majors, was stationed in the headquarters building on Adalbert Schiffer Weg in the east section of the installation. The personnel of the radar stations north-east of the installation were also quartered in the east section. This detail numbered an estimated 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and most of them trained soldiers. On 1 and 2 October, about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black

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epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets engaged in marksmanship training at the firing range, and infantry field training. Little activity was observed in the barracks yard and the radar station. Individual soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen with one of the previously reported

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1. Comment. According to this information and shipments which arrived from Wustrow on 21 September, the bulk of the elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) stationed in the east section of the installation can be carried in their quarters after early October. Elements are being rotated to the AAA emplacements in the uranium mining district. . The west section of the installation is occupied as previously by an MVD unit.

2. Comment. Probably a shipment of the personnel exchange program.

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